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Whose Invisible Editor is the Conqueror on the white horse—the new Initiate in his solar body.

The Conqueror—to him I shall award to eat (the fruit) of the tree of life which is in the middle of the Garden of the God.

The award to the **Conqueror,** is the Eternal Memory: he shall eat the fruit of the tree of life (the fruitage of the life cycle) in the God's own abiding place, the mystical paradise or state of ineffable bliss.

The award to the **Conqueror** is conscious Immortality; he is to wear the crown of life, and nothing that originates in the soul-consciousness shall pass into the ablivion of the second death.

The Conqueror—to him I shall award to eat a share of the hidden manna and I shall award to him a white voting-pebble, and on the voting pebble (will be) a new name engraved, which no one knows but he who receives it.

The Conqueror—he shall be clothed in white garments, and I shall not at all erase his name from the book of life, but I shall acknowledge his name before my Father and before his Divinities.

The Conqueror shall not at all be punished by the second death. He who has an ear to hear, let him hear.

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WHENCE COME WE?

THE OLD eternal question on the lips of generation upon generation, Whence, How and Whither? can never be explained until we come into the higher vibration where the undying Ego or Soul comes into its eternal inheritance of seeing with the Eye that never closes, the third eye or eye of the Seer.

Now, that I am developed so that I can see into the Eternal order of things, I am entitled to give out this knowledge to the World and perhaps the blind of the World will also see and understand. Behind the scheme of human things lies a complete pattern so complete that it puts all outward manifestation into shame in comparison. The procession of human forms are merely the shadowgraphs of eternal substances, not as yet real, for when human manifestation becomes real it loses its form and retires into more etheric forms or shapes. I say form and shape to express atomic vibration and harmonious collection.

Today all business, manifestation, mode of existence emanates or obtrudes from the elemental forms arising from the bowels of Mother Earth where Mother Nature holds her gems in readiness to protect them. We have the iron men, the men who represent the mineral, vegetable, chemical, air, of form, sound, touch, color and display giving rise to mechanics, mining, metallurgy, grocers, fruit dealers, hotel and restaurant men, chemists, artists, architects, doctors and lawyers, arising from the law of the body and intellect spiraling up to the divine attributes where prophets, seers and divines abound. The force from Mother Earth all the time predominating.

Take the gnomes from the hills, the little fellows who though invisible to the human eye incorporate themselves into human frames and give life, love and prosperity to the men who sometimes very successful in life, are able to congregate immense possessions about them, through the power of the gnome spirit in them. Take another type of man like J. D. Rockefeller, an old ourang-outang who is given the flow of the Mother Cup of the Bowels of Mother Earth reaps his millions from her interior. Take a man of the Henry Ford type and his incarnating star is the mechanical world for the law of mechanics finds its bubbling spot in Henry to produce lizzies. Take Thomas Edison and the electric and magnetic attraction of his ego or soul for instruments to put that hidden power into effect proves to be the spot where Thomas comes to be the generating spirit. Take all the leading men of the country and nation, Mother Earth proves the dominating spirit and cornucopia of plenty to fill them with the fruits garnered from her lap of bounteous provision.

But Here Stop!

I will not give Nature credit to provide for the law which produces Divines, Philosophers, Seers and Sages. For all Mother Nature now does is to introduce her elemental kingdom of gnomes and evil spirits to cloud the vision and keep his mind a prisoner within the bounds of her Earthly magnetic fires and prevent his emancipation and freedom. A divine man in order to become liberated whilst here in a human body must vibrate so fast that the thought vibration does not control his spirit vibration. In other words he the Divine Man must break the gates, crash the entrance, or facade into this World controlled by the Spirits from the bowels of Mother Earth and when he does, the World becomes FREE and all men are able to think for themselves which heretofore has been denied them.

Now, I claim Man is surrounded by hosts of evil, elemental spirits, which always try to thwart his action from becoming perfect, attracting it to things of the World instead of things of the Spirit. It is the law of magnetic attraction which guides our hand and pen whereas it should be the Law of Eternal Thought.

You see what I am giving out is something that compels you to think and think fast—think for yourself. For if once I can get you to think for yourselves I can break the Spirit of Mother Nature and Behold We Have a World of Light of Life Eternal and the forms we today occupy will no longer trammel us, for we shall dip into the nether Worlds here and now and understand our natures and constitution.

Behold a Liberated Man has come to set you free and gold shall no longer be the ruling part with Death or return to the bowels of Mother

Earth, but Spirit Which raises your Spirit to Heaven and the body hanging by a string cut by indifference to Worldly things, knowledge, understanding and Wisdom.

THE IMMORTAL LIFE

"I, (the Higher Self) am the vine, ye, (the personal selves,) are the branches."

HE who drinks too freely of Life (so-called) shall taste of Death. For Death is but the essence of Life and Life of Death. The pairs of opposites. Then the Golden Middle-Path of disinterestedness of both Life and Death is the only way, means and end across the stream of Life Eternal.

How often did Jesus remind his Disciples that there are some here who were worthy candidates for Light and Life Eternal, some here who shall overcome the Last Great Enemy, Death. Some here who were worthy, sanctified Souls, who already had attained the Wedding Garment of Love. Oh, as I write, the Golden Light of Life Eternal flows through my pen and the riches, the true riches which make all Worldly gold mere dross, the unspeakable riches of the Christ (consciousness) as St. Paul phrased it are the only jewels worth seeking; all other Worldly values sink beneath human comparison when weighed in the scales of the Immortal Life.

Now Spiritualists are merely the groundlings, in the Spiritual Science of culture. They are as yet babes who have their eyes only half-opened. They see a shadow and call it Light; they taste of savor and call it the Elixir; they are not as yet inwardly developed themselves or they would not prate of

spiritual communication before they themselves had become pure Spirit. And when they cross the middle-path of true Spiritual attainment, their beloved spirits of Summer-land will all disappear from their consciousness, as once come to life themselves, there is no death, therefore no spirits to communicate with.

"Know ye not that ye are the temples of the Living God," not dead Gods, but ye are living Gods, wherefore communicate with dead Spirits. Oh, if only some one could pierce the mentality of these half-dead Spiritualists and awaken them with a crank that would turn their rate of vibration and consciousness high enough where they cease their prattle about the survival of death and comunication with their loved ones and get into touch with their loved ones here on earth, who are to them still alive, they would accomplish more than communication with the whole of Heaven, their Lord of Hosts and angelic spirits.

What Do I Mean?

You see it has not yet sunk into their consciousness that they are here dead already without being buried and the sooner they come to life and get into conscious communion with their own true Spirit Selves, the dead who have passed over would no longer hold any attraction for them.

I started out by writing an article on the Immortal Life and got into the meshes of Spiritualism, only to show the reader how far off the true Spiritual Path are these Ghost Trackers.

Immortal is he who discerns the Spirit Self within him and communicates day by day, hour by hour should place him on such a high base and pedestal that communication with the astral shell of dead John Brown or Sally Smith should make him realize

that Immortality is not acquired in that way; but through living the life of Spirit in communication with Spirit, so strong and everlasting that even the moving forms about you dissolve themselves here in pure Spirit and you needn't go beyond the Grave to find them.

I have about reached the plane where my Spirit comes forth in daylight and in darkness to attest itself a healthy, worthy projenitor of Spirit thought enough so to awaken the dead and near dead dormant minds to the excellency of the Spirit Life here now on earth while breathing.

What is more beautiful than a pure person, free of enmity toward neighbors, alms giving, loving, kind, gentle, meek and lowly. What as much? Living, breathing, easily to communicate with, and above all not trammeled with trumpets, self-deceived mediums and astral guides or Master Spirits.

There are no Masters in Spirit Land for once of the Spirit, Spirit is Master, yourself is Master and no one over Lords it over the other, as GOD has passed from consciousness; there being no other GOD than Me, the Divine Within.

Then to be Immortal, to defy Death, for Death only claims those who think they live and who do not in reality know they live is to experience Immortality in the flesh, having risen above the rate of vibration of the flesh body, and when the bell strikes, the day arrives for the removal of the fleshly mask; we shall come into our own immortal inheritance and drink freely of the Waters of Life Eternal, the essence of which we have missed by crowding our thoughts into one spare life that hid the immensity of consciousness (immortal) which produced it.

"THERE ARE SOME STANDING HERE WHO SHALL NEVER SEE DEATH."

WHAT did Jesus mean by the above expression? Ask our modern day theologians; can they give an adequate and satisfactory answer? They can explain until doomsday but unless they too are standing where Jesus stood, on celestial ground, their explanations are the mere vapid efflorescence of decayed minds.

There are only two classes of people in this World, the worldlings and the immortals; and the immortals are spread over God's green earth to be found in families of the rich as well as families of the poor and destitute. Earth's gifts are no criterion as they cover the good and the bad, the meek and the proud, the just and the unjust. The eternal heights are for those who stand with their feet in hell and their heads in Heaven, whilst all about them the waves of Eternity roll; but they are oblivious to all but the pure bright light of Alayas (soul) realm; the World with its fluctuations of good and bad report does not affect them. They know in their hearts that the whole system of human incarnation is vile and corrupt and like the mud and slime of the pool's bottom sustains the white lillies of freedom, emancipation and liberation from this corrupt mundane sphere. They are like reeds which bend to the storm of the world's adversities, but never, never break, for their natures are Eternal and defy Death, the great destroyer of Worldly mind, thought and aspiration.

"There are those standing here who shall never see Death," for they are already immortal ones who see through the glamour of Earth's manifestation which is the veil of unrealities. To know that

you are immortal is quite a different thing from believing that you are immortal and will be saved after death. To know that you are immortal is to experience immortality whilst in the flesh body! And tasting of the fruits of immortality you are not concerned about the so-called death of those who have not attained. For their being is as though it were not and their seeming passing as though it had never occured. For what is real to the Eternal Man never ceases to be. It never has been born, therefore it can never, never perish. What does perish is the personality which is of a life's span and temporary and fleeting indeed.

I would that ye come with me at the cradle shrine, the abode of the Father where the Light burneth that never is quenched. I would that ye hear the sweet words of assurance: "If ye keep my words ye shall never see Death," for "Ye cannot serve Me, (the Higher Self) and Mammon, (the personal self), so "Give up all thou hast and follow the Me," (the Christ Within).

What with sorrow, sacrifice, suffering, uncertainty, cruel aspersion, from those who do not understand, criticism and scorn by the rebuffers, forsaken by your very own, you have a fine resistance and back ground to sustain you through the labyrinth of Earth's glamour "when you stand where Death is no more."

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THE THOUGHT WORLD

DOES it ever occur to you that the only real vital part of your physical makeup is the thought projections of your mental cosmography? The body has its likes, appetites, passions and desires to be satiated, but after the animal is fed and quieted, let us elevate ourselves to the head in which the brain and mental and spiritual operate, the thought realm or realm of true being. Now most people's thoughts are bounded by their immediate surroundings, their family, relatives and neighbors, of town, city and state, and an intersprinkling of state celebrities, national heads and chieftains.

Very seldom, if ever, do they think in the abstract and begin to view themselves as a separate entity from the balance of mankind; for to do this one must be evolved to such a point where the spiritual outweighs the material parts of their natures. Once a man crosses the gulf between the material and the spiritual Man the whole world resolves itself into pure thought or knowledge of eternal verities. "Thou hast to feel thyself all thought, and yet exclude all thought from out thy mind." "For then thou canst tread the wind above the waves whose step toucheth not the waters," (of mundane existence.) Immune to the thoughts of others now, they cannot slay you neither can they deprive you of your high heritage. For you are immune to Death, the Great Destroyer and confuser of eternal values.

Today I returned from a funeral of a departed neighbor and life long friend and as I stood by his grave I had the inner impression that only the immediate group about him regarded him as dead,

the others (that is myself alone) saw that what they were burying was only a thought projection which they termed life and which for the moment passed from out the orbit of their mundane consciousness. For Jesus said "Let the dead, (in life) bury the dead," but thou, (who art evolved spiritually) "follow Me," (the Christ or Immortal consciousness within, where there are no dead, neither are there any living.)

O GOD, if only one man attains this eternal Christ consciousness he can resurrect the whole of Mankind at this materialistic day and date. I have now risen to a point where all the physical manifestation around and about me is the result of wrong thinking and must be arrested by years and generations of spiritual development where everything manifests as a direct cognition of Spirit instead of personality. For it is the personality alone that perishes and not the Christ Spirit within Man.

Once a Man gains this interior union with his own Higher Self, Death and the Grave hold no fears nor dread of extermination; on the other hand Death becomes the Great Emancipator of sensuous existence supplemented by an etheric consciousness so transcendent and beautiful that one wishes they could never have lived on Earth to be deprived of that Elixir which yields not bodies but the Realm of Thoughts Eternal that do not perish at the Grave.

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THE THIRD EYE

ADHIBHUTA is (my) divisible nature, and Adhidaiva is the masculine (creative) principle (purusha). I myself, here present in the body, am Adhiyajna, O best of men," The foregoing fourth verse in the eighth chapter of the John Davies' translation of the Bhagavad Gita clearly sets forth the immortal presence in the body Adhiyajna, or Spirit Soul. He says I am not my divisible nature neither am I the male creative principle (purusha), but I am Adhiyajna, the secret door or third eye within, indivisible and omnipotent. I am within you a third eye, then my sight must be raised above your mortal sight and comprehension of things. I see what you see not, I comprehend things above your earth-bound mentality. I am the One indivisible third eye which sees beyond the scope and ken of human intellection. How often we feel we know better than we do, how often we spread our consciousness to the limits of Infinity and long to be free from the portals of the five gross physical senses.

Now the third eye is the unimpaired eye or pineal gland which only functions in the regenerate ones; those who have closed their senses to the lower forms of sense gratification and demand to know the cause of Being and of existence. One must become a Bull in strength to open the portals of her inner chambers for she admits none other than Bull Spirits who are the indomitable, undying strong ones who will not be dominated by Mother Nature or Earth's glamour. I believe I am safe in saying that once the third eye is awakened in the spiritual awakened seer there is nothing he cannot accomplish, nothing too great for

him to do. This third eye of the seer is not clairvoyant but the awakening of the inner deathless senses which give to him his qualities of being imperishable for the inner eye once opened never, never closes. Not even the cessation of the heart beats can stop the inner eye from functioning for it has to do with spiritual law operative outside the body and consequently the destruction of the body affects it not.

When we speak of the eye we refer to physical sight, when we speak of the third eye we speak of the state of interior knowledge or being. The eye never closes once opened by the intrepid candidate for Light for he can now penetrate the great vistas of Being and ensconce for himself what is worth saving and what destroying. He can cut off all communication with the rest of the World and remain in his glorified body or Solar body and live continuously therein or he can create new Worlds for himself and inhabit them alone.

Now the suppression of the senses is the first thing the candidate for Light must learn. If he is blunt to things of the World he becomes keen to Spiritual verities; if he mixes with his fellowmen he loses the magnetic attraction for things of the Spirit; if he eats animal food he loses the strength of sight of his spiritual body; if he eats out the dishes of others the elementals enter in and distract his one-pointed attention. If he remains quite alone, even whilst in company he has attained the inner vision of the seer whose third eye now functions on the Atma-Buddhic plane, or plane of Spiritual realities.

Now I have raised your consciousness enough to give you a partial glimpse of one who has

opened this third eye. I am the One here present in this body and there is no other than Me who create you and all these bodies, persons and things which you see around and about you. I am Adhiyajna, the Soul seeking expression in your consciousness and giving to you the quintuple division of my nature enough so to create a World of your own making. I am the third eye ready now to perceive the three in One, the object, the Seer and the power of perception. So prepare ye now for my manifestation.

Numerous people I have met lately remark, "strange isn't it everybody and everything seems to have changed recently." They do not know and cannot see that I am now coming into my deathless third eye and that consequently affects every being on this planet. I am the male creative force in this body, also I am my divisible nature, but now functioning as Adhiyajna, all creation and divisible life will change back again into my nature or demanifestation. A New Christ is born into the World and a creative being enters upon the stage to present to the World a New Teaching where the Ancient Gnosis has all but disappeared.

Cannot you see what I am driving at. You are GOD in this body, the Kingdom of Heaven lies within you, but coming into outer manifestation the Kingdom of His Holiness is now apparent by the Holy Presence felt in our midst. Be still and know that I have become GOD, am GOD here on Earth, the Creator, the divisible seen and the indivisible not seen, but apprehended through the power of the third eye.

Theosophists throughout the whole World now feel that at last Theosophy is coming into its own. It has long been rejected by honest minds and real

searchers after Truth who have fallen by the wayside in the paths of Unity, Pellyism, New Thought or Christian Science, but who now have grown tired of seeking riches which perish, success that does not satisfy and astral visions and bodies healed that immediately fall back into sickness, despair and despondency. What they all want and as yet have failed to attain is the third eye that sees and experiences their Spiritual state here on Earth and becoming at-one with GOD or the Spirit enjoy all on Earth that only a GOD could enjoy; the feeling or at-one-ment with all beings, experiencing that deathless vision or attainment which makes them a part of the Whole and a Whole in parts.

Now Mr. G. R. S. Mead, Mr. James Morgan Pryse, Mr. Chas. Lazenby, Mr. Stewart of New Zealand, Mr. Rogers of the American Section Theosophical Society, Mr. G. De Purucker, Mr. B. P. Wadia, Mr. Chas. Johnston and Mr. H. N. Stokes, all prominent members past and present of the World-wide organization of Theosophy have all more or less spoken of the pineal gland or third eye in their writings. For the most part they have quoted H. P. B., Iamblicus or Plato, but not one of the foregoing gentlemen have attained this third eye up to the present writing. Mr. Mead has stated to acquaintances that he has done everything but stand on his head to accomplish this feat, Union with the Higher Self and the awakening of the inner eye or pineal gland. Mr. Pryse confounds it with clairvoyant vision as did his noble Mistress, H. P. Blavatsky. If Blavatsky knew better between psychic vision and the deathless attainment of the third eye she acted the part of the hypocrite in dealing with phenomena and

condemning its practice in her pupils and students. This we know to be a fact for in "Reminiscences of H. P. Blavatsky by the Countess Wachmeister" she says "Oh damnable phenomena had I never meddled with such things," or words to that effect. She was caught in the fire of phenomena and consequently was burned by the astral light of delusions and fancies.

The third eye sees today in me the future of Theosophy in America and the Whole World a coming together or synthesizing of the past works, experiences and connotations of the rising students of Theosophy throughout the World. What have ye accomplished? Have ye buried your treasures in a napkin and hid them in the sand or have ye used them and developed them until like Banyan trees the birds perch in the branches for the healing (spiritual) of all Nations? What has American and European and I might add Indian Theosophical students produced? Anything aside of a rehash of what others have written or can they give evidence of the Logos (God within). That is what will count with the World boys. They want to know now what have we produced ourselves aside and apart from our revered Founders. Can Theosophy command the attention of the Whole World through the Spirituality of its present-day students leaving Leaders and Teachers as the husks or shells of by-gone days? Does your philosophy amount to enough to be given an audience for prompt acceptance or rejection?

I will say this when the time comes and that will be shortly. DIVINE LIFE will stand well to the front in the Theosophical Class that will capture the prize for America as the deepest exponent of the Ancient Gnosis, (Divine Wisdom) in

that its third eye will foresee what the third eye, (clairvoyant) of the revered Leaders and Founders have missed, and that is the vision that extends itself into the Divine Life as the Leader of The New Age and the able exponent of American Theosophy!

THE REVERSE SIDE OF THE SEAL OF THE UNITED STATES:

And its Symbolism.

II.

E SEE that everything in the Universe has an obverse, or material side, and a reverse, or spiritual side,—the hidden or invisible.

When the Pharisees asked Jesus if it was right to pay tribute to Cæsar, and they showed him a coin; Jesus taking the coin asked, Whose superscription is this? and they said, Cæsar's; and Jesus replied, Render unto Cæsar, (the material) the things which belong to Cæsar; and unto God, (the spiritual) the things which belong to God, thus making a distinction between the material and the spiritual.

The same with the law of evolution; the obverse side is the evolution of the material and physical; and the reverse side, the law of reincarnation, is the evolution of the spiritual side; but where shall we begin? as evolution, the obverse and reverse sides extend back into the dim and misty ages; when the morning stars sang together, might express in symbol the obverse side of creation; and when the Sons of God shouted for joy, the reverse side: as Nature is dual.

As said Krishna; When any existence whatever is produced, know O son of Bharata! that it exists by this union of matter and spirit; and he who sees the Supreme Lord, (the Self) dwelling alike in all beings, the Imperishable in things that perish, sees indeed.

In Theosophy we have the obverse and reverse side, though all theosophists do not claim this, as the obverse or material side is all they seem to see; yet, there are Theosophists who claim, at least, that there is a spiritual side to theosophy, although in practice they ignore it.

The symbol on the cover of DIVINE LIFE, the serpent swallowing its tail, is the symbol of the spiritual side of evolution; and the interlaced triangle, the union of matter and spirit, also symbolizes the union of the Higher and lower Self; the double lined triangle represents the Higher Self, and the one with the heavy line the lower self: and within the interlaced triangle, (the six-pointed star) the all-seeing eye, or "third eye" (the opening of the pineal gland) which symbolizes the completion of the individual temple of man.

"Know ye not that ye are the temple of the living God?" Yes, but we first have to build that temple, each individual for himself, because it is a spiritual temple; and the Builder of that temple is your own Higher Self: You, the personal self, have to gather the material, through your own experience, and your own Higher Self as the "Master builder," and as the re-adjuster builds it into the spiritual body, thus forming the temple, which is not made with hands; and it is a living temple because it is built out of live material, the very essence of your being; and it is a continual becoming until it is completed, and it continues

alive, It never dies. It, is that immortal part of you which, if not completed in one incarnation, passes on to the next incarnation and continues the building until the temple, or spiritual body, is completed, then, there is no further need of the physical body, and no further need of reincarnation, as the soul has completed its evolution in matter and gained its—liberation from matter.

Paul expresses the same fact in this wise: "When the mortal shall have put on immortality, —death is swallowed up in victory!" There is no more death for the individual because for him there are no more incarnations.

As Krishna says;

"He who truly knows my birth (in himself) and this divine work of mine, comes never more to birth again, when he quits the body: he comes to me, Arjuna!"

Now we come to the obverse, or eagle side of the seal of the United States—which has been amply set forth in Grace Kincaid Morey's article, —"The Seal of the United States, and Its Message"—which is the symbol of the material; Government, Commerce, and all treaties and intercourse with other Nations, as well as its official use on all United States documents. Now this would seem to be all that was required of the Seal of the United States.

Then, how did it happen that there should be, at that time, a reverse, or spiritual side of the Seal of the United States, with its Pyramid, and its crowning white cap-stone and glory? It certainly did not "happen," but how was it that it should be designed at all? Who was the designer? and what was the spirit back of it? It was to express this very thing, the union of mat-

ter and spirit; and all authorities upon bible symbolism agree that the white capstone belonged to an age yet to come, the culmination of man's existence here. Then, it would stand for the completion of individual evolution, and—liberation from matter. There could be no higher design, and it could only be embodied in symbol, but of course it would have its critics:

"That the device adopted by Congress in 1782 is of so elaborate a character and withal so allegorical; while as to the reverse side, however artistically treated, it can hardly fail to look otherwise than as the dull emblem of a masonic fraternity." If it is a masonic emblem, why have not the masons rescued it from its obscurity? Why have they allowed the white cap-stone and the crown of glory to be rejected, disowned, and the crown of ages to be laid away in its box? Evidently the symbol of the Pyramid and its white cap-stone does not belong to the Masonic Fraternity! Where then does it belong? It belongs to a more spiritual Order, having neither dogma, doctrine, nor ritual, not secret, but sacred, and which will apply directly to the individual as a completed temple in which is housed his immortal soul. We find it too high for any of the fraternities, it must needs be purely spiritual, then, religious! but what is Religion;—but the spiritual evolution of man—and this is all the Wisdom Religion claims.

The most plausible meaning of this triangle is spiritual. The triad forming this emblem or triangle is, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, (in Sanskrit, Atma-Buddhi-Manas). And thus the triangle on the Seal is to show emphatically that the eye in the center is the eye of trinity.

The "glory" or rays of radiant light is also here

intended to symbolize Divinity. It is, as is well known, greatness, splendor, and glory of Providence; and its significance on the Seal is The Eternal Light of Wisdom with which the Supreme Architect will guide, and lead the colonies.

And, read aright, in the eternal light of Wisdom, it means to the individual, the all-seeing eye, or third eye, with which the supreme builder,—your own Higher Self—will guide and lead you in the—New Order of Ages—which is to be born. As the meaning of the Latin motto, Novus Ordo Seclorum signifies; in conjunction with Annuit Cœptis—meaning "God has favored the undertaking," or, God has prepared the way, in the law of the spiritual side of evolution.

This was designed and written 100 years before very many individuals had reached the level of evolution where its significance could be understood and applied; and we believe that it refers to the Sixth Race which at that time was yet to arise.

All those who have attained, or will attain the white cap-stone, triad, or trinity in this present incarnation, belong to the Sixth Race, (I do not mean the sixth sub-race) and when they have attained the One, the "above" they live therein; they have become immortal, or in other words they have put on (conscious) immortality, there is for them no more death, after they have passed out of this present incarnation.

In the reverse side of the Seal, we find the perfect Symbol of the Seven Principles, the Triad and Quarternary of Theosophy. We not only find Theosophy for America! but also American Theosophy for the United States; a Theosophy that was symbolized on the reverse side of the Seal nearly a hundred years before H. P. Blavatsky "brought

Theosophy, The Wisdom Religion, (from India) to America," which is yet to proclaim the new religion in which all spiritual currents flowing from every religion shall meet in the perfection of the White Stone Teaching of individual responsibility.

The one obstacle, or rock of offense, which stands in the way of the union of all Protestant churches, is the belief in the vicarious atonement of Jesus; that is, that Jesus died for humanity! When Christians come to see that each individual must work out his own salvation—that is, his liberation from matter; the lesser dogmas, church government etc., will not stand in the way of the union of the churches, in sentiment at least.

I do not seem to be able to close this sketch of the reverse side of the Seal and its symbolism, without again referring to the designer. We find in the history of the Great Seal that William Barton, M. A. was the one who originated the present device of the reverse side; and we find this sentence, "That every design submitted by Mr. Barton depicted the fundamental principles of the government—yet to be established."!

We see in Mr. Barton only the facade, or the instrument; that, if he himself was not a Mystic or Seer, then, a Master stood behind him. Who was this Master, visible or invisible? Who was the true designer of the reverse side of the Seal? It could have been none other than—Thomas Paine, a Mystic and Seer!

We find in his "Rights of Man," that he had in his mind's eye; "A new order of Ages," "The heaven's approve"; and this is the clue that leads me to believe that Thomas Paine was the originator of the design of the reverse side of the Seal. But why was his name not mentioned? Because

he was at the time under the cloud of ecclesiastical disfavor!

In the Declaration, from which freedom sprung; the natural rights of man are specified as Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness—and religion left out. At that age, no one could have done this but Thomas Paine. Religion had battled against progress, against justice, against the rights of man for the space of seventeen hundred years. Paine raised his pen and stopped the onward sweep; and he dared to frame a free government, pure from the dross of dogmatism; and it is further said, "that, upon the Great Seal of this mighty nation, Paine left the memorial of his presence."

Quoting from an article on Thomas Paine which I wrote in 1903 or 1904:—and read before the Secular League in Washington, D. C.:—

"The pen is mightier than the sword,"
'Twas the prolific pen of Thomas Paine
That thrilled the blood of every soldier;
And fired his brain against subjugation.
Paine's "Crisis" broke on the world like Jove's thunder.
Paine's "Common Sense" was the rallying cry
That led a nation to birth and victory;
His words: "These are the times that try men's souls,"
Became the watchword of our army.
Paine's "Common Sense" turned the scale in favor
Of separation from the English Crown;
His "Common Sense," lit the torch to the pile
Whose blaze burned away the filial bonds
Between Great Britain and America!
Must the merit and service of Thomas Paine;
Continue to glide down the stream of time
Unrewarded by his grateful?? country? . . .

I stand here on this platform and proclaim
Thomas Paine the greatest soul of his age;
I place his name first in the ranks of fame.
This tribute comes from a woman's pen
To supplement the eulogies of men;
I am willing to face pulpit or throne
And stand by this, my conviction, alone . . ."

I still feel the thrill of the thread that binds the name of Thomas Paine to the reverse side of the Seal of the United States; and that "The New Order of Ages," which "he had in his mind's eye" will prove to be the Sixth Race of which we, The Independent Theosophical Society of America, are the pioneers.

The New Order of Ages.

The New Order of Ages presupposes that there has been an order of ages which has completed its cycle; and a New Order of Ages is to be ushered in.

What is the principal factor in the Old Order of Ages? In examining the past history of the ages, we find that the principal factor is ecclesiastical, that it was the dominant feature. Then, if the old order has completed its cycle; ecclesiasticism is the factor which is to be left out of the New Order of Ages. And Thomas Paine was the first to recognize this fact and carry it into execution; and for this offense he was "rejected of men" and disowned by the officials of the United States Government, and his name left in obscurity.

But we thank God that Thomas Paine was not left without a witness, that upon the Great Seal of this mighty nation he left the memorial of his presence. And now when ecclesiasticism is making great strides to again subjugate and dominate Eagle-land, it seems a fitting time to unveil the

reverse side of the Seal.

Paine, like Lafayette, left his country and came to this and fought for liberty; Paine, was the first and main instigator of Independence and the separation of the Colonies from the British Crown. To every school-boy the name of Lafayette is familiar, and stands high on the scroll of fame! But where is that of Thomas Paine? Unknown to schoolboy, and unknown to fame. The slow tide has swept along year on year, and in this "age of reason" no hand is raised to turn the tide of public opinion.

Then, it is to the reverse side of the Seal that we are to look for the explanation of what the New Order of Ages is to be.

In the old dispensation, or, Moses and the Prophets, to which Jesus often referred, God was always spoken of as the Almighty, or, God Almighty, and was worshipped as such. There seemed to be no relationship between God and man. In the Christian dispensation Jesus brought God nearer to man and was the first to speak of God as the Father, or, our Father, but worship of the Father was still the main idea which was transferred to the worship of Jesus as the only Son of God; and man occupied a very low level, but as time rolled on and man evolved he has gradually ascended to a higher spiritual level until he can no longer be dominated by ecclesiastical rule. He had begun to stand out as an individual; and to feel individual responsibility; he was nearing that level where he would know that each individual must work out his own salvation or liberation; that he cannot depend upon any vicarious atonement. This as a Seer, Thomas Paine foresaw. But how was this idea—so far in advance of

the age—to be made known to the people? how could it be handed down through the ages? There seemed to be but one way; and that was to embody it in symbol on the reverse side of the Seal; there it would be safe, for it could not be read until such time as a few individuals, at least, had attained that level; neither was it to be adopted by a Fraternity with closed doors;—it was for the people.

The white cap-stone, the completion of the pyramid, stands for the New Order of Ages, in which the individual raises himself to the degree where—"I and my Father are one."

TREACHERY!

I ATTENDED another meeting of the Baha'is at their ornate temple at Wilmette, Sunday, May 15th, under the direction of Mr. Gregory, a dark swarthy gentleman who resembles the negroid though judging from his conversation he hails from Persia. I always knew there was something deeper hidden beneath the surface of the Baha'i teaching than they would give out; that there is a surface teaching for the Public to imbibe and a secret International door that leads the followers into Persian Magic and hypnotic glamour and I had the pleasure if I might not say honor of hearing yesterday one of their greatest Baha'i exponents expound his Persian laudation of Persia, Persia, Persia over AMERICA and AMERICANISM!

Being a profound student of all Eastern teachings and knowing their leading text-book "HIDDEN WORDS OF WISDOM," even better than some of their accredited Leaders themselves, I

openly maintain that their able exponents do not measure up to the teachings of this work, or, in other words misrepresent the deep oriental work in selling this book to the Public under the BAHA'I label wherein the Higher Self is beautifully brought out, the GOD in MAN, and then from their rostrum preach a GOD, as an unknown quantity far off in the Heavens similar to the GOD of Orthodox Christianity. Possibly it is to catch outside members with bait that they have been used to in order not to scare them too much at the outset, but it is not fair, it is not honest.

Something is wrong somewhere. The gentleman yesterday would make a better spouter for a political Persian club downing AMERICA than an exponent of the noble esoteric philosophy which he is supposed to know but which he is using to further INTERNATIONAL AIMS and bring things foreign as the cream de la cream to America's shores.

Now I am not prejudiced. I do not see the BAHA'I teaching in the wrong light. I am not condemning without a thorough understanding of what they all are supposed to give out but which is cream in the books and a devouring fire in application. I openly maintain that the address delivered yesterday is a public affront to every citizen under the Stars and Stripes and his belittling American intelligence when he tells them that we may be great but far from being good and that we must turn to old worn-out delapidated PERSIA to get our Spiritual enlightenment. It is similar to the teaching and treachery of modern day THEOSOPHISTS who are also playing treachery to the Stars and Stripes when they tell us that we must go to INDIA for our enlightenment (spirit-

ual) to better understand our American ideals. I tell you the greatest evil today against the AMERICAN FLAG and all it represents is so-called Religious psychology turning the heads of good American citizens into International channels and away from their Country and its Flag. Perhaps this is just why William Howard Taft was such an ardent BAHA'I and advocate of Internationalism, a League of Nations, and a World Court. I do not minimize the value of the BAHA'I literature understand. Some of it is solid gold (spiritually speaking) but I do positively condemn this dark skinned individual perverting the teaching from the rostrum and working a subtle psychology on good Chicagoans where the intellect is made to play on the spiritual centers of the listeners and to the extent of losing their American individuality as Eagle-men and we again become weak-dollar-loving Children of the Old World magic and necromancy. For this is just what this fellow preached yesterday at their foundation temple at Wilmette! He held his audience spell-bound telling them that their AMERICANISM was all rot and only could they be enlightened by turning to PERSIA, where Persian rugs, Persian cats, and Persian traitors abound!

No doubt Mr. Struven, the caretaker of the Temple and the man who keeps the BAHA'I FIRES burning at Wilmette will take exception to what I say regarding his secret oriental cult where Foreignism and things Persian are cradled but I maintain every time I enter the Temple I am met with that same damnable magic that I experience in Theosophical Halls. It is not American Brothers, it's a foreign contraption bred in our midst to un-man us and destroy our Country

and its Flag under the guise of being Universal Brotherhood advocates and teachers of Brotherly Love!

If AMERICA cannot harbor and has not in the past succeeded in harboring all races, teachings and cults under its broad banner why do these ardent advocates of Internationalism now come to the fore with a New Code of Ethics which is to turn us away from our AMERICANISM and make a far-off Persian Religion the ideal to be ensconced and to be nursed and fed with American dollars until like a Persian Cat it has grown into a strong Persian Tiger to devour Stars and Stripes and the Goddess of Liberty to boot! Then we shall have Brotherhood and Brotherly Love the tiger and the lamb laid down side by side but the American Lamb will be inside the Persian Tiger and he can lick his chops and remark smilingly BAHA'I DID IT BOYS, NOT I, BAHA'I, ALLAH? ALLAH! These fool Americans you can gyp them going and coming and they like it!

TREACHERY! I repeat TREACHERY! TREACHERY to the STARS AND STRIPES! and the sooner we close their Halls of Iniquity under the guise of RELIGION the sooner the NATIONAL EMBLEM will come again into its own as the FREEDOM GIVEN ALL NATIONS UNDER ITS FAIR BANNER who again come to see that in our NATIONALISM alone are they FREE from the disintegrating and destroying influence of FOREIGNISM parading in the ROBES OF GOD but still the Tiger and its Stripes ready to devour AMERICA and its sacred UNIVERSAL PRINCIPLES and all they represent!

(THE NEW ORDER OF AGES)

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